

CONFIDENTIAL

4 January 1954

To: Chief, E/ST

Re: Coster Appointed Diversion Control Officer for State

1. In a brief phone conversation this morning, Coster told me that as of today he had been appointed the Diversion Control Officer for EDS-State. He advised that this appointment was formalized by a memorandum from Goodkind (State) to Admiral Delany (MDAC).

2. Coster stated that he expected to be placed in charge of the branch in EDS which primarily deals with current transactions. In this position he will replace Dow, who is expected to be detached. Strong will continue in this branch, but under Coster.

3. Coster stated that he was at present swamped with his backlog of work required in his prior position in the policy branch of EDS — in particular he was being required to provide much assistance on the shipping negotiations which will be resuming. Therefore, he expected that he could not pull together the Diversion Control work as quickly as he would desire, but he assured us that he would move as quickly as the situation permitted to tie up the loose ends and to integrate his work with ours. He expressed a desire to visit E/ST at an early date.

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Transaction Section analysts

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